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Competition for Israel Girls

Two pretty members of an Israel summer institute sponsored by the Jewish Agency's youth department pose in a life raft just before their ship, the Zim line's SS. Zion, sails from New York for Israel. In the photo are Myra Boverman (left) of Forest Hills, N. Y., and Miriam Perkel of North Hollywood, Cal. All told, more than 100 students from the U. S. and Canada sailed on the Zion which was to have arrived in Haifa on July 10.

Reform, Conservative Congregations Merge

ZANESVILLE, O. (NJP) — The Reform and Conservative congregations here have voted to merge.

ALTHOUGH details of the merger have not been completed, the two congregations have approved the action.

What the form of worship will be is yet to be worked out. But Rabbi Simon Friedeman, of Conservative Beth Abraham will serve as spiritual leader of the combined congregation.

THE CONGREGATION will use the new edifice now under construction by Beth Abraham.

The Reform congregation is Keneseth Israel. It has been served on a bi-weekly basis by a student rabbi from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

BOTH CONGREGATIONS trace their history back to the 1870s.

SOLDIERS LIKE TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV—Seventy per cent of Israel's soldiers spend their leave time in Tel Aviv, E. Simon, director of the local soldiers welfare committee, told the committee's Tel Aviv council last month.

1,000 FREE SHOWS A DAY

TEL AVIV—Movie houses here give over 1,000 free tickets to soldiers, E. Simon, director of the local soldiers welfare committee, told the committee's Tel Aviv council last month.

20 PROSTITUTES ARRESTED

TEL AVIV (NJP)—A drive to round up prostitutes here netted 20 arrests. The women were nabbed in the center of town following complaints from residents and pedestrians.

Editor Sees Orthodoxy Divorced From Jewish Life

TEL AVIV (NJP) — An editor of the Jerusalem Post told a symposium on Israel-American relations here that Orthodoxy in Israel and in the United States is divorced from the mainstream of Jewish life.

Arthur Saul Super asserted here that the American Jew who freely experiments with his Judaism, who issues pronouncements on the great problems and issues of American life in the name of Judaism, would eventually come nearer to, and create the bridge with, Israel."

He added, however, that this can only be completed when Judaism here expressed itself freely on the real problems of the State of Israel and when we no longer have the situation when all that religion in Israel had to talk about was breaching the formal and ritual aspects of Judaism.

HOSPITAL GIVEN $1 MILLION

PITTSBURGH (NJP) — A gift of $1 million to the Montefiore Hospital from Miss Amy P. Frank was announced here. The sum will go toward erection of the Samuel and Ettie Klein Frank Memorial wing of the infirmary.

Says Religion Using Government Is Not Religion

JERUSALEM (NJP) — Rabbi Max Nussbaum, of Hollywood, had only a few but sharp words to describe the present withdrawal of the religious party from the government:

"A religion that uses a government to achieve its goal is not worth the scrap of paper upon which the word religion is written."

Meanwhile, attempts were being made to patch up the differences which have arisen between the United Religious party and the Ben-Gurion cabinet over the question of who should be considered a Jew in the new identity cards being issued by the government.

Former minister of religions Moshe Shapiro, one of the two ministers who resigned, warned that the identity cards threaten a division of the Jewish people in and out of Israel.

Mr. Shapiro's statement echoed a statement by the chief rabbinate's council that the new identity card regulations are in opposition to the laws of the Torah.

N.Y. Hotels Fear Extreme Orthodox, Ban UJA, Zionists

JERUSALEM (NJP) — Dr. I. S. Rosenberg, deputy minister for social welfare, told a press conference here that the large New York hotels, including the Waldorf-Astoria were refusing to accept Zionist and United Jewish Appeal functions. He said the reasons was that the hotels feared embarrassing demonstrations from the extreme Orthodox groups who have been attacking Israel as irreligious.

Dr. Rosenberg, who recently toured the U. S., had in mind the demonstration by followers of the Satmar rebbe before the White House in Washington.

Rabbis To Probe High Prices Of Kosher Meat

PHILADELPHIA (NJP) — Conservative rabbis will be included on the committee to check into the high price of kosher meat, it was decided at the conference of delegates representing the city's Orthodox congregations.

The conference is also expected to study the problem caused by the introduction of packaged frozen kosher meats into chain stores and supermarkets which remain open on the Sabbath.

War Vets Ask Probe Of Attacks on Jews

PHILADELPHIA (NJP) — The Jewish War Veterans have demanded a top-level probe of the recent wave of synagogue vandalism and attacks on Jews.

Students Banning Sale Of Viceroys, Kools Told Brands Sold To Israel

CHICAGO (NJP) — The student body of the Hebrew Theological College, which has joined in the boycott of Viceroy and Kool cigarettes by barring them from their vending machines, has been advised by the Brown and Williamson Tobacco Co., that the firm sells its cigarettes to Israel.

A COMMUNICATION received by the student body from E. M. Lewis, president of the Louisville, Ky. firm quotes from two orders it received from Israel outlets, one in 1956 and the other late last year, which it said it was ready to fill without question.

The communication was a reproduction of a letter from Lewis received by W. A. Ramsay, of Elmhurst, Ill., ostensibly one of the firm's distributors.

IN A COMMUNICATION dated later than Lewis' (NJP, May 30) Addison Yeaman, public relations head of the Louisville concern, admitted that the British-American Co., which owns the Kentucky firm outright, has joined the boycott of Israel. The information was contained in a letter to Abe Shefferman, executive director of one of Washington, D. C.'s largest congregations.

The letter sent to the seminary students does not mention the British-American tobacco company at all.

THE LETTER by Yeaman explains that its parent company is owner of the brand names, Lucky Strike and Pall Mall, which it does not sell to Israel.

Yeaman wrote Shefferman that "the British-American Co. had given instructions to Brown and Williamson not to sell British-American brands to Israel as a consequence of a very grave and serious threat made by certain of the Arab countries."

"THE DECISION was a very hard and difficult one to make," wrote Yeaman, conceding for the first time that its parent company was in effect participating in the Arab boycott of Israel. Yeaman added that "no element of prejudice, racial, religious or otherwise entered into the decision."

The letter received by the student council of the Hebrew Theological College went on to scotch what it said was a rumor that the firm did not employ Jews.

(Editor's Note: This is the first intimation that any such rumor existed.)

LEWIS' LETTER said that "as to the company's employment of members of the Jewish faith, you should know that one of our oldest directors in point of service and who has been in the company's full-time employment for more than 40 years, is an active and greatly respected member of a Jewish congregation . . . and many of the company's responsible positions are filled by respected members of the Jewish faith."

(In America, Lucky Strikes and Pall Mall are manufactured by the American Tobacco Co., which has no connection with the British firm.)

The Presidents Council, made up of the presidents of 16 major U. S. Jewish organizations has listed the Brown and Williamson company as participating in the boycott. The publications of many of these organizations refused to carry advertisements offered them on Viceroy Cigarettes.

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Illinois Vets Call for Boycott Of Cigarette Firm

CHICAGO (NJP)—All American Jewry and all good Americans should be importuned not to buy products of the Brown and Williamson Tobacco Co., David Silver told a conference at the department headquarters here of the Department of Illinois, Jewish War Veterans.

SILVER, who heads the foreign affairs committee, called on Jewry to make a direct boycott on all firms yielding to the Arab countries.

He named the Brown and Williamson products as Viceroy, Kool and Raleigh cigarettes.

"IF THIS FIRM is hit in their pocketbook, they will cease yielding to the Arab countries," he asserted. "Their action will show other firms that if they too yield to Arab blackmail, their products may also face a boycott in this country."

Morris R. Eisenstein, state commander, concurred in the call for a boycott of Brown and Williamson products.

MIGRANTS' CLOCK STOPS

JERUSALEM—When the clock that records the arrival in Israel of one immigrant every three minutes stopped working last month, a school child who noticed it explained: "No wonder. It was overloaded with more than 1,000,000 immigrants."

INDIAN WILL VISIT ISRAEL

LONDON—Jaya Prakash Narayan, head of the Indian movement for the redistribution of land, will visit Israel this summer, following tours of Egypt, Lebanon, and Jordan, he told Dr. S. Levenberg of the British Zionist Federation here last month.

More Leave Israel In May Than Come In Is Estimate

JERUSALEM (NJP) — With immigration into Israel declining to a trickle, more Jews left Israel than came in during May, a Jerusalem Post reporter estimates.

Less than a thousand newcomers reached Israel's shores during the month, while 717 Israelis officially left Israel during the same time.

The Jerusalem Post explained that usually the number who declare that are leaving Israel represents only about half of those who actually do emigrate The other leave with only tourist visas, but really intend to move away for good.

Glueck Book on Negev Scheduled This Winter

NEW YORK (NJP) — A new book by Rabbi Nelson Glueck, world-famous archaeologist and president of Hebrew Union College - Institute of Religion, is scheduled for publication Entitled "Rivers in the Desert—A History of the Negev," the volume will be issued next January by Farrar Straus and Cudahy.

SEE FIRST ISRAEL SHIP

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Police Still Investigating Try To Burn Down Hillel House

OAKLAND, Cal. (NJP)—Police arson experts are still investigating an apparent attempt to set fire to the Hillel House on the University of California campus at Berkeley near here (NJP, June 22).

It was the second time in about five years that an incendiary fire was set at the Hillel House. No one was apprehended in the earlier attempt.

JEWISH leaders here are not inclined to connect the incendiarism at the Hillel Housse with other recent outcroppings of anti-Semitism here.

Several months ago a telephone caller threatened to bomb Oakland's old Jewish community center, and an attempt to do so may actually have been made, according to Harry J. Sapper, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, who recalled this incident:

ABOUT THE TIME of the telephone threat, another phone call said the party at the other end had a shipment of ping pong balls for delivery to the center and asked if anyone would be present to receive it at an hour late in the day.

Suspicious, Sapper telephoned the supposed sender of the ping pong balls and learned no such package had been sent.

Some extra precautions were taken, and that was the end of the matter.

THE CENTER since has moved into a new million-dollar plant, but no more threats nor attempts against it have been made. Tires have been slashed on some parked autos, but these are attributed to juvenile hoodlums who have slashed the tires of non-Jews as well as Jews all over the city.

Telephone threats also have been received by individuals The tenor of these threats has been:

"Get out of town. We don't want Jews here."

THE NAMES of the individuals threatened apparently were selected at random from the telephone directory. No effort seems to have been made by the threateners to attack Jewish leaders

On the wall of a public building under construction someone scrawled in crayon: "Jews are Rats."

Police are comparing this effusion with some of a similar nature committed many years ago.

There also has been some increase in the quantity of anti-Semitic material sent through the mail.

BOTH the Oakland and San Francisco press (San Francisco is just across the bay) have maintained a discreet silence, and the public is unaware of most of these incidents. Nor is the Jewish leadership overly concerned.

"Community relations between Jews and our neighbors are generally very good here," Sapper told The POST and OPINION.

"I think these recent incidents are just a result of the encouragement which the few silent anti-Semites always present among us received from the anti-integrationist bombings in the South and the attendant publicity.

"There may be some slight significance in the fact that in the last couple of years Oakland has had an influx of about 20,000 new residents from the South—both whites and Negroes.

"The police are alert to the situation and are giving us excellent co-operation."

NEW TYPE TREE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM—Ibirapita trees, developed by Uruguayan hero General Artigas during a 30-year exile in Paraguary, have beet planted in a Jerusalem hills forest bearing his name.

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Israeli Artists To Fight Foreign Incursions

TEL AVIV (NJP) — With so many stage groups and other troupes making such a resounding success before Israeli audiences, Israeli artists met here to map a drive to "protect Israel's cultural institutions against mass incursions of foreign perfomers."

Attending the meeting were representatives of Habimah, Ohel, Cameri, the Israel opera the Artists and Composers association and the Histadrut culture center, among others.

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Students Descend On Israel in July

JERUSALEM (NJP) — The trickle of young Americans who come to Israel to spend their vacations is developing into a flood this summer, as contingent after contingent of youngsters of college and high school age began to arrive here.

LARGEST of the groups is that of Junior Hadassah-Young Judaea, comprising ninety-one girls and misses. Some came by plane and others are en route on the SS Zion.

The Zionist Organization of America sent over a total of forty-four youngsters to swell the tide, while Yeshiva University's annual summer institute brought over twenty-three Orthodox young men and women of college age.

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"In Europe the female is always dominated by her husband and that's the way I want it," the beauty queen who spent half her life in Europe, told The POST and OPINION.

USUALLY ISRAELIS are more concerned with practical matters of survival than native American music, but Ila Har-El has earned $10,000 through her knowledge of popular ssongs.

Ila, who did not learn she was Jewish until she was 13, spent the first nine years of her life hiding in a convent in her native Poland during World War II and the next five years in a convent in England.

The blue-eyed, well-proportioned (35-26-35) sabra was only 17 when she enlisted in the Israeli navy. Eventually Ila was transferred to the army where she rose to the rank of sergeant, and at one point volunteered for a parachuting assignment.

Parachuting notwithstanding, Ila's career was on the rise. She was one of 10 girls to graduate successfully among 1,000 applicants in the El-Al Israel airlines course for air hostesses.

HOWEVER, the turning point came this May when the charming 22-year-old stewardess managed to catch the eye "of a few, very busy executives" at the international airlines stewardess contest in Miami Beach, Fla. To add, anticlimactically, she won.

Since then things have happened in a hurry. The army cadets have conferred the title of "the girl we would like most to maneuver with" upon Ila. A "Ila Har-El fan club" was originated by a group of enthusiastic Harvard law students and the former sergeant has garnered $10,000 in prize money on the way to what she hopes will be a $25,000 jackpot.

ILA HAR-EL, Air Hostesses Queen
. . . Wants to "Settle Down and Become a 'Continental Housewife' "

Ila was invited to participate in the quiz show "Name the Tune" by a CBS television executive who spotted her at the Miami Beach competition. With two gracious companions, Ila has rolled her winnings up astronomically.

HAS THE LURE of money and abundant publicity affected her greatly? Pete Brunswick, public relations head at El Al, vigorously maintains that Ila "is as sweet and unpretentious as ever." Ila, her dimpled smile enchanting every male within a mile radius, plans to "settle down and become a 'Continental housewife.' "

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Reparations Official Buys German Hotel

JERUSALEM (NJP) — Israelis were shocked to learn that Y. Lichtenstein, former chief assistant to the director of the German Reparations Corp., is managing a hotel he has purchased in Germany.

The Jerusalem Post explained that Lichtenstein told Israeli officials who challenged his decision not to return to Israel that he was getting experience as a hotelman pursuant to taking up the same work in Israel.

Jews Learn to Hate Self in Adolescence

STARLIGHT, Pa. — Conceding that self-hatred is not the present trend among Jewish youth, Dr. Max F. Baer, national director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, said here that the germ of Jewish self-hatred is planted during adolescence. "The reason we have so many apologetic, cringing self-hating Jews is their abysmal ignorance of the meaning of Judaism," he said.

He urged that the young people acquire the same training in Jewish history, religion and literature as they get in American subjects.

Beaten Rabbi Flees Once Jewish District

CHICAGO (NJP) — A rabbi whose head was slashed open as part of a beating in the latest of a series of incidents in Chicago's old West Side Jewish district has decided to move out of the neighborhood and abandon his congregation. Practically all Jews have moved from the area.

Rabbi Dov B. Warshawsky said the neighborhood, which formerly housed the teeming Jewish life of the West Side, is no longer safe for him and his family — his wife and three children, 18, 17, and 14.

The rabbi, spiritual leader of the Lahishiner Synagogue, was attacked last month by two thugs. Six stitches were necessary to close his wound. His going will mean the end of the congregation: "there is no one else to run it," he said.

A Polish refugee, Rabbi Warshawsky's father, mother, and a sister were killed by the Germans near Pinsk.

THE POST is the only Jewish paper which maintains a fully staffed bureau in New York City.

Talmud Available Now on Records

NEW YORK (NJP)—A modern Jewish phenomenon — recordings of the Talmud are being made for distribution by a recently formed organization, the National "Bas-Kol" Talmudic Association.

Founder of the association and lecturer on the recordings is Rabbi Pinchas M. Teitz, of Elizabeth, N. J.

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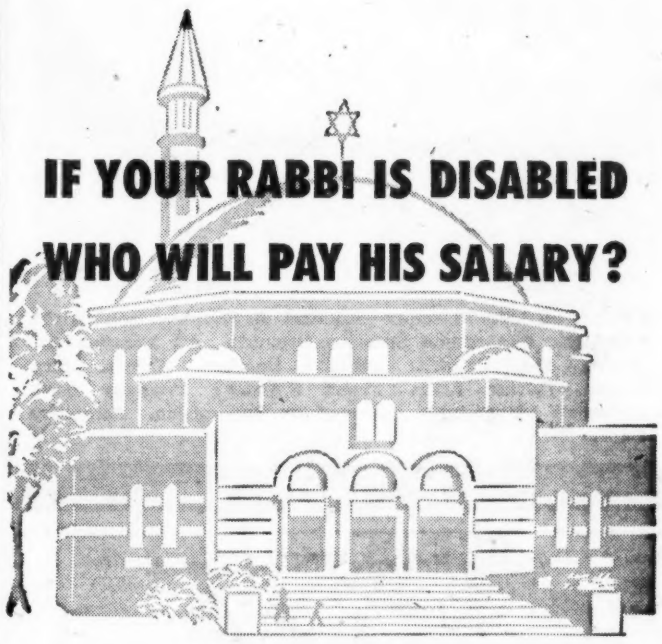

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Rabbi Sandmel's Book On 'Paul' to Be Published

NEW YORK (NJP)—The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion provost who wrote "The Jewish Understanding of the New Testament," has written a new book on New Testament sources called "The Genius of Paul." Rabbi Samuel Sandmel, who is provost of the Reform seminary, will have his book issued in October by Farrar, Straus and Cudahy.

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Anti-Israel Bodies, Council for Judaism Open Offices in DC

WASHINGTON (WNS)—Two organizations conducting anti-Israel propaganda in the United States and one which combats Zionism, this week announced that they were increasing their activities in the national capital.

To maintain contact with the national scene, the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism opened a Washington office a few weeks ago.

The Arab Information Center, supported by the Arab League, has opened an office here, sharing office space with the so-called "continuing committee on Moslem-Christian co-operation."

President Harold B. Minor of the American Friends of the Middle East, which has carried on continuous anti-Israel propaganda, has confirmed that his group will move its national headquarters here in September. Rev. Edward L. S. Elson, President Eisenhower's pastor, is AFME's Washington representative and a member of its board of directors.

Who Feels Most at Home in Israel—You Guess!

JERUSALEM (NJP) — What happens when the one of the few groups in America who really observe the Sabbath — the Seventh Day Adventists—come to Israel on a visit?

"For the first time in my life I really feel at home, in a country where business closes down on the Sabbath," said Pastor John Hayward of Hartford, Conn. Pastor Hayward is one of the leaders of a group of 70 Seventh Day Adventists currently touring Israel.

The group not only observe the Sabbath strictly—but eat no pork and other treifa food.

The pastor told the Jerusalem Post that records prove that Seventh Day Adventists are healthier than the average American. He attributed this superiority to strict observance of all biblical rules.

The reporter for the Jerusalem Post did not ask him how it might be possible to bring American Jews to like observance of their religion.

Cars Can Be Rented Here to Drive in Israel

JERUSALEM (NJP) — Tourists to Israel may now rent Hertz drive-it-yourself automobiles in three cities, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. The same service and the same type late-model cars as available in the U. S. may be rented.

Cars may be reserved through any American Hertz office or through the American Express Co., with which Hertz is in partnership in its foreign operations.

NEW ISRAEL PLANT OPEN

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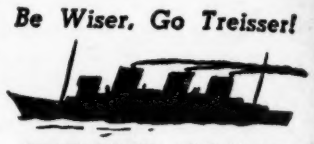

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Rabbi Protests As Teachers Advise Pupils of Shavuot

LONG BEACH, N. Y. (NJP) —The confusion which arises because some Jewish children absent themselves from school on the Jewish holidays and others do not has led to a letter of protest to Superintendent David G. Salten here.

THE LETTER, published in the Temple Emanu-El Bulletin, was written by Rabbi Bernard Kligfeld.

Rabbi Kligfeld wrote that public school teachers had informed the Jewish pupils that they were expected to be absent on both days of Shavuot.

HE TOLD the school head that whether or not a child observes a particular holiday is up to the child and the child's parents, and that there are many Jews who observe only one day of double holidays.

"If the teachers persist in announcing holidays, and in effect giving religious instruction, they are not only stepping out of bounds of their office, but also undermining any efforts I may make to encourage what is in my opinion proper observance of the holiday."

RABBI KLIGFELD wrote that he sought to encourage members of his congregation "not to permit their children to stay out of school unless they attend services on the holiday."

Orthodox Rabbis Call Society 'Burlesque House'

LIBERTY, N. Y. (NJP)—Describing society as "a huge burlesque house," Rabbi Solomon Weinberg, of Passaic, N. J., told the annual convention of the Rabbinical Alliance of America (Orthodox) that the traditional concept of moral integrity as practiced by Jews throughout the ages must be restored.

"MORAL LAW," he said, "must be taught as God-given and not as social phenomenon that are subject to changing values of society."

In another paper, Rabbi Joseph Grunblatt, of Montreal, deplored "the excessive sensual stimulus to which our youth are exposed in all forms of mass media. . . ."

THE RABBIS elected Rabbi Samuel A. Turk, Riverdale, N. Y., as president.

Rabbi Herman Engaged To Israeli Girl

CLEVELAND (NJP)—Another Israel - American romance culminated in an engagement with the announcement here of the betrothal of Rabbi Jack J. Herman of the Community Temple and Shoshana Barnes Revesz, of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Herman met his fiancee in Israel last July.

EL AL ALMOST DOUBLES PASSENGERS

TEL AVIV (NJP)—First reports on the financial success of the Britannias put into operation last fall by El Al reveal almost a doubling of the number of passengers and freight hauled, and an upsurge in gross income which should put the government-owned airline in the black.

THE NUMBER of passengers increased in the first half of the year from 19,000 to 32,000 compared to the previous year. In June of this year, 7,850 passengers flew on El Al planes as compared with only 4,250 in the same month last year.

The line is expected to gross 35 million Israel pounds this year as against 20 million in '57.

A FOURTH Britannia is due to be delivered next February. Meanwhile, El Al has arranged to rent another Britannia on a monthly basis until the fourth can be delivered.

Police, Firemen Quell Disturbance at Meeting

LONDON (NJP) — Police and firemen were called to a meeting here addressed by S. Z. Shragai of the Jewish Agency immigration department when members of the Agudist Youth movement (Orthodox) became rowdy. The meeting was under the auspices of the Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi (Religious Zionists).

One speaker interrupted Mr. Shragai's talk to ask why Orthodox immigrants were forced to live in non-Orthodox colonies when they arrived in Israel.

BENJAMIN COHEN RETIRES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (WNS)—After 13 years of service with the international organization, Benjamin A. Cohen, Chilean Jew, retired this week as undersecretary of the United Nations in charge of trusteeship.

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JEWS AS SUCH ARE BARRED BY COUNTRY, YACHT CLUBS

Even though the Jews of Benton Harbor-St. Joseph have shown themselves very active members of the community at large, they are still not admitted into the local country club and yacht club.

A FEW JEWS have been approached for membership by the country club but since it was thought that an exception was being made for a personality, the invitation was turned down.

Some of the Jewish residents of Benton Harbor-St. Joseph who have been active in local charitable and interfaith organizations are:

MRS. JOSEPH SCHWARTZ, wife of the rabbi of Temple Beth-El, was chairman of the local polio drive.

Morris Martin was the leader of the cancer drive.

Ben Rosenberg serves as chairman of the County Board of Supervisors.

Leon Harris, manager of the Whitcomb Hotel, is on the Twin City Chamber of Commerce.

Jewish Education Of High Calibre

Intensive and progressive Jewish education is being provided for children of Children of Israel Congregation in Benton Harbor. Sixty-five of the children attend three 2-hour sessions per week while 105 study in the Sunday school.

The Sunday school's confirmation class uses the POST and OPINION for their current events studies. Dr. Stanley Mesirow, president of the congregation and teacher of the ninth grade class, said that the school was very intensive and very active and was based on a "Well outlined and progressive curriculum."

One of the products of Temple Beth El's Sunday school was able to lead the congregants in a recent Friday evening service, much of which is in Hebrew.

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PROFILES ON US JEWRY

This review of Benton Harbor, Michigan, and St. Joseph, Mich., Jewry is part of a continuing series of profiles of American Jewish communities, large and small.

These articles will seek to interpret Jewish life in these cities in terms of the major questions facing the American Jewish community. Among these questions are the development of greater spiritual emphasis in the lives of American Jews, the progress in fund-raising, the new physical characteristics of the community (new buildings, etc.) prevalence of social restrictions against Jews, the degree to which Jews participate in city-wide movements and organizations, growth or decline in inter-marriage and its effects on Jewish community life, etc.

These profiles will be written on the spot by staff members of The National Jewish POST and OPINION.

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Reform Families Help Support Kosher Butcher

Even though the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Jewish community consists of only 275 families, they have been able to support a kosher butcher and delicatessen. Over 30 per cent of the Conservative congregation and fifteen per cent of the families of the Reform congregation buy their meat from Pepper's Meat Market and Delicatessen in Benton Harbor.

Ninety Per Cent of Families Affiliated With 3 Congregations

Over 90 per cent of the Jewish families of Benton Harbor-St. Joseph, Mich., are affiliated with one of the community's three houses of worship.

In addition to an active interest in the affairs of the Jewish community, the Jews of the twin cities have provided surprising leadership in the community at large. Even though the 275 Jewish families make up only 2.5 per cent of the general twin-cities population the state representative from that area and many of the community leaders are Jewish

THE THREE houses of worship which comprise the focal point for Jewish activity are the Temple Beth El, Reform; Children of Israel Congregation, Conservative; and the Ohava Shulem Synagogue, Orthodox.

Early in the history of the city there had been only two Orthodox shuls, but about 25 years ago one splinter group formed Beth El Temple and later another group formed the Children of Israel Synagogue.

COMMUNITY leaders said that the decline of the prevalence of the Orthodox method of worship was not only in line with the national tendency but was also caused by a movement of the Jewish community away from the center of town.

Because of the geographical location of the city on the eastern shores of Lake Michigan the twin-cities have grown eastward and most of the Jewish population has moved in that direction. Temple Beth El followed this movement and The Children of Israel Synagogue has purchased land in the suburbs for a new building. This will leave only Ohava Shulem Synagogue in the old section of town.

Children of Israel Synagogue is the largest in Benton Harbor with a membership of 140 families, Temple Beth El has a membership of just over 100, and about 30 families belong to Ohava Shulem.

Few people in the community belong to more than one congregation, a practice common in many smaller cities.

Both the Reform and the Conservative congregations have shown remarkable growth in the past ten years. Beth El has over 50 per cent. Rabbi Joseph Schwartz, Temple Beth El spiritual leader, credited the increase in affiliated members mainly to more intensive activities within the congregations. He added that some members were brought in by the growth of the community's principal industry, the Whirlpool Corporation.

CHILDREN of Israel Synagogue has shown similar growth.

The Children of Israel Congregation has bought three acres of land at a cost of $6,000 for a new building. Plans have been made for raising $150,000 for the building proper. The move was necessary to bring the building closer to the homes of the members, and to provide more room for the Sunday school. However, Dr. Stanley Mesirow, president of the congregation, noted that the main sanctuary is "almost never too crowded."

Local Jewish Organizations

Temple Beth El

Pres., Harold Alberts, 1858 Elm Terrace, WA 6-9560 B. H.; 1st vice-pres., Ben Ashen, 1572 Hadley Road, WA 5-3282 B. H.; 2d vice-pres., Ben Kohen, 168 Robbins, WA 5-1677 B. H.; sec., Edwin Mendel, 453 Brownway, WA 5-7594; treas., Maurice Gelder, 1195 Ogden, WA 5-2240.

Hadassah

Pres., Mrs. Victor Grenrock, 1034 Monroe; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Herman Karnowsky, 1018 Columbus, WA 5-9708; 2d vice-pres., Mrs. Norman Slavin, 295 Delaware, WA 5-4447 B. H.; 3d vice-pres., Mrs. Robert Levin, Decatur, Mich.; sec., Lottie Daken, 217 E. Main, WA 5-4425 B. H.

Women's B'nai B'rith Chapter No. 1272

Pres., Mrs. Joseph Caplan, 100 Hastings, WA 6-9837; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Arnold Badt, 169 Britain, WA 5-1755; 2d vice-pres., Mrs. Norman Slavin, 295 N. Delaware, WA 5-4447; 3d vice-pres., Mrs. Mannie Goldstein, 1093 Columbus, WA 5-5731; record. sec., Mrs. Joseph Marcus, 764 Broadway, WA 5-4014; fin. sec., Mrs. Bert Goldbaum, 477 W. Napier, WA 5-0763; treas., Mrs. Meyer Burakoff, 285 Helmar Court, WA 5-1277, all of Benton Harbor.

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Pres., Joe Caplan, 100 Hastings, WA 6-9837, B. H.; 1st vice-pres., Dr. Stanley Mesirow, 1758 Commonwealth, WA 5-0140; 2d vice-pres., Herman Karnowsky, 1018 Columbus, WA 5-9708, B. H.; treas., Mr. Max Baken; fin. sec., Robert Levin, Decatur, Mich.; corres. sec., Edward Yampolsky, 139 Pipestone, WA 6-9811, B. H.

Ladies Auxiliary, Children of Israel Synagogue

Pres., Mrs. Esther Radom, 1843 Broadway, WA 5-2787; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Stanley Mesirow, 1758 Commonwealth, WA 5-0140; 2d vice-pres., Mrs. Dave Pollyea, 184 Hampton Road, WA 5-4458; treas., Mrs. Harold Zabin, 233 Bradford, WA 5-1291, B. H.; record. sec., Mrs. George Light, 717 Colfax, WA 5-7879; corres. sec., Mrs. Norman Bender, 1732 Colfax, WA 5-7284, Benton Harbor.

Jewish Community Council

Pres., Dr. Stanley Mesirow, 1758 Commonwealth, WA 5-0140; vice-pres., Harold Alberts, 1858 Elm Terrace, WA 6-9560; sec., Edwin Mendel, 453 Brownway, WA 5-7594; treas., Marvin Radom, 1223 Miami, WA 5-4912.

Sisterhood, Temple Beth El

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Israel to Select World Bible Champ

JERUSALEM (NJP) — Candidates were being selected here for the title of Israel's Scriptures Champion who will compete for the international title in a contest in this city Aug. 19.

CHAMPIONS of Holland, Italy, France and Algeria already have been selected.

There was no mention of how the U. S. title-holder would be selected.

THREE HUNDRED Israeli contestants took part in examinations held in six cities this week.

HALF DROP OUT OF SCHOOL

JERUSALEM — "Fifty per cent of secondary students leave school before completing their course of study," Zalman Aranne, Israel's minister of education, told the press here last month. However, 70 per cent of the drop-outs enroll in vocational schools, he added.

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Conservative and Orthodox Congregations Pray Jointly

Dr. Stanley Mesirow, president of the Jewish Community Council, noted as an example of the harmony of the Jewish community the fact that the Conservative congregation with its rabbi, Joseph Elephant, had been conducting joint daily services with Orthodox congregation Ohava Shulem for many years.

Ohava Shulem has been without a spiritual leader for the past 10 years. Joint morning services are conducted at the Consesrvative shul while the evening services are held in the Orthodox sanctuary.

Dr. Mesirow noted that there had been some serious personal bickering within the Jewish community which had affected the outcome of the local Jewish drives but that the trouble had been resolved.

Looking Backward . . .

JEWISH PROBLEM ENDED, SOVIET UNION DECLARES

20 YEARS AGO

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath of Toronto deplored the fact that rabbinical leaders "who cling tenaciously to . . . ideals of social justice are mocked and rebuked by those whose only intimation that they are Jewish springs from their agonizing cowardly terror of the anti-Semite." . . . "All Jews are enemies of the United States" and control the government and both political parties, Fuehrer Fritz Kuhn told a New York committee investigating Nazi activities in New York. The Soviet Union declared that the Jewish problem in that country is over as it began liquidation of the Comzet, government commission for settlement of Jews on land . . . Five teachers at the West Side Institutional Synagogue Hebrew School in New York forced the temporary closing of the school as they picketed for a raise from $25 to $30 a week.

10 YEARS AGO

The Hagana's defense of the new state of Israel continued despite the cutting off of arms from outside imposed by a United Nations armistice . . . The Israeli government smashed an armed bid by the Irgun Zvai Leumi to violate the United Nations truce at a cost of six Irgunists and two Israeli troops killed . . . Barney Ross, former world's welterweight champion, joined with members of Betar, the youth arm of the Revisionist Zionists, in an effort to prevent a group of young labor Zionists from passing out protest leaflets at an Irgun fund-raising show in Detroit. . . . Egypt banned movies in which Mickey Rooney or Danny Kaye appear because the two had contributed to Zionist funds.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Conservative services have "elegance, decorum, voice, ceremony" — but lack surprise and and adventure of the soul, declared Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel, associate professor of Jewish ethics and mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary (Conservative) . . . Hebrew Union College merged with Jewish Institute of Religion . . . Jewish marriage laws are designed not so much to "free" Jewish women from sexual obligations 12 days out of the month as to promote Jewish survival, said Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, editor of the Jewish Spectator.

ONE YEAR AGO

Ritual is stressed to much in Jewish life, declared Dr. Robert MacIver, Columbia University sociologist . . . Members of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis (ultra-Orthodox) who receive payment for individual kashrut supervision were blame for the "chaos" in the supervision of Rabbi Fabian Schiebfeld of the Queens, N. Y. . . . Polygamy will continue to be prohibited "until the Messiah comes" despite the fact that the 1,000-year-old ban on it has run out, declared Israel army chief rabbi, Col. Shlomo Goren. . . . United States Jews who want to make aliyot to Israel can't get enough help, Carl Alpert of Haifa, president of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, charged.

GIVES MILLION TO CHILE U.

SANTIAGO, Chile (WNS) — Gifts to the newly constructed edifice housing the department of architecture of the University of Chile amounting to about 1 billion pesos, the equivalent of $1,000,000, have been contributed by the Salomon Sack Foundation established by the Jewish industrialists in his own name.

REP. LITOWICH SAYS JEWISHNESS NO LIABILITY

One of the sponsors of the Michigan Fair Employment Practices Commission was state representative, Harry Litowich, an active member of the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Jewish community.

REPRESENTATIVE Litowich told The POST and OPINION that he had "no trouble at all with his religion.

"After all, I was elected for the past three terms from a district which has a Jewish population of only 300 families out of a population of 70,000."

He is now running for the state senate from a district containing 175,000 people.

REPRESENTATIVE Litowich is a member of all three local congregations. He is now active in the Reform congregation although he had previously been active in the Orthodox shul.

The representative added that there had been absolutely no integration trouble or anti-Semitism in the area.

No Need for Local Charity, Funds Go to UJA, Transients

The Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Jewish community supports almost no local Jewish charity.

"There just aren't any needy Jewish people here," Dr. Stanley Mesirow, president of the Jewish Community Council, told The POST and OPINION.

"The money we raise goes to the United Jewish Appeal and for transients."

DR. MESIROW said that the Jewish community's pattern in fund raising was similar to the rest of the nation in that it was high 10 years ago, receeded during the middle 1950s and was now on the upswing again.

However, there had been some trouble in past years because of personality conflicts within the organization.

The council sponsored this year's 10th anniversary celebration for Israel.

A TOTAL OF $18,000 in Bonds were sold last fall in the twin cities.

Reform Worshipers Wear Yarmulkes

Yarmulkes and large amounts of Hebrew are used at the services of Temple Beth El, the Reform temple of Benton Harbor-St. Joseph. And 15 per cent of the congregational membership buys its meat from the local kosher butcher.

The Reform prayer book and an organ are used at services.

PRICE CONTROLS LIFTED

JERUSALEM—Price controls on cucumbers, green peppers, and wax beans were lifted last week.

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What Foods These Morsels Be

MAMA HAD BETTER PREPARE FOR PICNICS IF SHE'S TO ENJOY THEM

By SARAH LIEBER

This is the picnic season. Even when we don't get week-end trips to the beach and country we like to serve dinner picnic style in the backyard under a tree.

Sarah

Some of my readers have been asking for suggestions for foods to be served out of doors. There is often the problem of refrigeration. There are sometimes no large stores where kosher food is available in the country town. In a word, if Mama is to enjoy the country week end, she has to make some advance preparations.

FOR ONE THING, in our house we like to be prepared at all times for impromptu picnics and other outdoor enjoyments. For that reason, we have invested in a few items of lasting value to the lover of camping. We have a portable ice-box and several well-insulated jugs and food carriers. Also, I have iceless refrigerants—the kind that come in a can to be frozen in the ice compartment of the refrigerator. These are always in the freezer compartment from the first warm day to the autumn.

I keep, besides, some useful articles right in the picnic basket. There is always a box of paper napkins, a roll of aluminum foil and one of paper towels. I have picnic cutlery of different colors for milhig and fleishig meals. And the paper plates and cups are so attractive these days that it is a pleasure to keep an assortment on hand.

In addition, there is always a covered shaker of salt, a jar of sugar, several sharp utility knives and a can opener. Of course, a sealed box of matches is important, too.

IT IS VERY important to remember that many foods are extremely perishable and must be properly handled for health reasons. Try to take along small enough quantities of each food item so that it may be used up as soon as opened.

Fruits and raw vegetables should be washed at home and well wrapped before packing the provender. Whenever possible, foods should be frozen. Such meats as hamburger and steak, or franks if frozen, will thaw out on the trip and be ready for broiling when the fire is made.

IT IS OF the utmost importance to remember that certain foods are dangerously perishable. Throw away any foods you are in doubt of. Do not mix chopped foods of any kinds with raw eggs or mayonnaise or salad dressings until ready to use. These are among the worst offenders: Poultry, eggs, chopped foods, cooked vegetables, mixed salads, mayonnaise.

Be sure to keep these things well chilled. And do the mixing on the spot. It is poor economy to try to save leftover picnic foods.

Below I print a list of food suggestions for summer cookouts. Besides, you will want to take a supply of canned soups of all varieties, canned baked beans, canned kosher meats, canned salmon and tuna, kasha with gravy, canned juices, evaporated milk, instant tea, instant coffee, instant cocoa, canned cake, crackers, cookies, potato chips, and any other easily carried convenience foods.

YOU MAY, for the one-day trip, or for the first meal of the week end, take along prepared sandwich fillings, which have been well chilled. And for the easiest, safest way to sandwich variety, take along the mixings, and let the picnickers make their own combinations.

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

I'm on My Soapbox Again—Promoting Early Marriage

By HELEN COHEN

One of the excuses I gave myself for calling it a day when the column stopped some eight months ago was that I had said everything I wanted to say and it was no use just repeating the same tunes over and over again.

AND MAYBE I was right and should have stayed retired. Because here I am back on one of my favorite subjects with which I was wont to climb my soap box.

At the annual convention of Reform rabbis this last week end in Chicago, one of the talks on the theme of youth and the temple broached the subject of the rabbi as a counselor of the teenagers. Rabbi Eugene Sack of Congregation Beth Elohim, Brooklyn, N. Y., is quoted as saying, "As to pre-marital sex attitudes, the medieval Jewish world had a simple command: 'Nothing until marriage.' Clearly this is out of the question today. But, how far shall a boy or girl go according to modern Jewish values and standards? They have a right to know from us."

All right, so I'm hopeless. But I'm perfectly satisfied to leave things exactly the way they were by medieval Jewry's set of rules. Nothing until marriage. Nothing. Well, as close to nothing as possible.

AND THE SIMPLEST way to keep matters at that stage is, naturally, early marriage. Another hopelessly medieval custom.

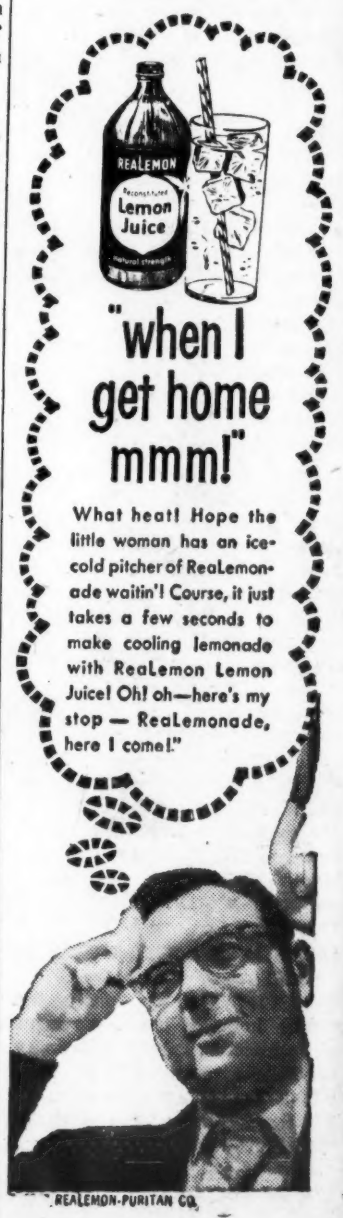
There was one special angle of the latest Kinsey report that intrigued me. The rate of women who had indulged in premarital relations was indeed shockingly high. But it was a progressive thing. The younger girls who married by their 17th or 18th year had a quite low rate, statistically. If I recall, only about one in ten had fallen from grace. But as the girls remained single into their 20s and 30s, more and more allowed their defenses to be broken down. Bringing the overall ratio up to some alarming figures such as one out of two or three.

Why this is so shouldn't be too hard to explain. As the years passed and the young women watched themselves grow older and less desirable on the marriage mart, they must have gradually lost some of their self-esteem, some of the rosy haze on their dream of one day being carried off to live happily-ever-after with their special prince charming. And the doubts became more frequent that they would ever end up in the desired state of marital bliss and they were willing to settle for anything rather than being completely discarded on the shelf.

AND THERE is the consideration that once a girl breaks down even her first line of defense, it becomes easier to throw away, perhaps gradually, the whole moral code by which she has lived.

My position then is to promote early marriage (not hasty marriage, please) plus a continued holding to high moral standards. And if the rabbis have any doubts on their position, there is no question but that, the present tend to looser morals notwithstanding, today's young man, like his grandfather before him, stands pat on the position that he wants the girl he will someday marry to come to him in her virgin purity, revealing for one thing her strength of character.

THE CHANCES for a happy, lasting marriage, you can be sure, are much better this way.



I THINK AS I PLEASE

WHAT'S THE USE IN TRYING?' YOUTH ASKS 'REFORMER' DAYAN

By CARL ALPERT

Haifa — Moshe Dayan, former Israel chief of staff, and Ben-Gurion's political protege, continues his speech-making, and every new address increases the panic in the ranks of the old-time party leaders. Well they might fear, because Dayan is calling for a radical new deal in Israeli internal political life which bids fair to change things considerably if adopted.

Alpert

We began the discussion of the Dayan program last week by outlining two important planks in his platform: the need to reduce the standard of living and return to strict austerity, in order to make more local funds available for productive development of the country's resources, and the need for a political leadership with the courage to advocate and press for this program, rather than to compete with other parties by offering the electorate vote-catching sweet promises.

FROM THIS point Dayan continues with an open appeal for revolt against the old-timers. To Israel's youth he says, in effect: "Throw them out of office."

The political leaders, and he does not exclude his own party, are still living in an old-fashioned world, he says. They think in terms of the economics and politics of decades ago, when they first came to Israel. They don't realize how much the world has changed. They don't realize that the youth of Israel does not have their old-world memories, and has a different outlook on life.

The howls of protest which this has brought from Israel's equivalent of the ward bosses can well be imagined, but Dayan presses forward.

TYPICAL OF their failure to understand the new world, he says, is their constant appeal to Israel youth to settle on kibbutzim. This is downright unrealistic. Our youth is not going to the farms, and they won't go Even the handful who yield to the propaganda, dwindle rapidly, and trickle back to the cities.

What we must realize is that one can be a halutz, a pioneer, in other ways in this modern world. In science, technology, education, there are enormous opportunities to build a better Israel. Great horizons still beckon man's inventive genius. Should a student be encouraged to leave his engineering studies at the Technion to become a farmer in the Negev? This is downright nonsense, yet the old-timers, living on their memories of the second aliya, have not changed their slogans of 50 years ago.

Leadership must pass into the hands of the youth, and Dayan has been addressing himself primarily to the students of the country. If they would but assert themselves in politics, he says, they could wrest control from the tired old-timers, and change the national pattern. Even Mapai, he says, has become a conservative party which has lost its youth because it lacks courage or new outlook.

WHAT HAS BEEN youth's reaction to this appeal? The response has thus far been disappointing. "We've tried to make the voice of youth felt in politics, but the ward bosses repress us," sums up one school of thought. Others say: "What's the use? Show us one case where in Israel's present political alignment any public revolt has succeeded in breaking the control of the old-timers."

Other youth response: What Dayan tells us is not new; we know all this, but he does not tell us how to do it. He calls on the country to cut its standard of living, but we see the Histadrut, which is the dominant element in the nation's economy, putting up luxury office buildings for its use. Why should the average citizen yield up his petty, hard-won luxuries, if the leaders don't set an example? So far there has been no sign of a grass-roots movement of politically conscious youth organizing to get behind the new Moses and his new deal.

And the entrenched old timers? They are openly bitter. They accuse Dayan of bandying slogans without solutions. They see in him a threat to the existing order and of course their own control. In their opinions this Moses should be consigned to the political wilderness, never to see the Promised Land of responsible public office.

REJECTED by the bosses, unsupported by the youth to whom he had appealed, Moshe Dayan appears to stand in glorious solitude, with only Ben-Gurion by his side. Surprisingly, the two together seem to be a multitude.

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BEN-GURION ORDERS DAYAN TO STOP

JERUSALEM (NJP) — Israel Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion yielded this week to clamor about unconventional public addresses by Brig. Gen. Moshe Dayan and ordered him to stop talking.

Although Ben-Gurion announced his action during a debate in the Knesset, on a Herut motion of non-confidence on the issue, he gave the order in his capacity as defense minister.

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—ABRAHAM BURSTEIN

—Sarah Lieber

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MOMENTOUS MEETING

Almost unnoted was that meeting in Atlanta of Southern Jewish communities and national Jewish agencies involved in the sensitive problem of community relations work at a time when the integration question is an explosive issue (NJP, July 4).

This is a major step forward for the Jewish community, because for the first time since 1952 the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee sat down with the local representatives of Southern Jewish communities and other national agencies in the field, and said let's work together.

UP UNTIL THIS TIME, there had been no co-ordination among the national agencies in their work in the Jewish communities of the South. The National Community Relations Advisory Council, which is the agency made up of the local community relations councils of more than 40 United States Jewish communities, and its adherents went their way and the ADL and AJCommittee went their way. Neither knew what the other was doing.

In 1952, the ADL and the AJCommittee withdrew from the NCRAC, maintaining that to remain would imperil dissent of individual organizations.

But now these two groups, after considerable pressure, have announced that they will co-operate in the newly organized Southern council with the NCRAC and its affiliates.

THE ATLANTA meeting was convened by the Southern region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. If Label Katz, president of the Southern region, engineered this agreement, then he deserves high praise.

NOW IF THE ADL and the AJCommittee can work with the Jewish community relations councils of the Southern Jewish communities, they have no more to lose by working with the Jewish community relations councils of the rest of the nation.

WHY NOT?

RABBI WOLFE KELMAN'S response to the resolution of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform) asking for joint action with the Conservative Movement to introduce non-Orthodox worship practices into Israel (NJP, July 4), took in more territory than was envisaged in the CCAR action.

The Reform rabbis limited the area of co-operation with Conservatism to Israel.

Rabbi Kelman's response took in joint action all over the world outside of the United States.

Rabbi Bernard Bamberger, who was named vice-president of the CCAR, and who next year will acceed to the presidency of the Reform rabbis, in a talk to the convention had urged co-operation between Orthodoxy and Reform. He did not limit the co-operation to any one area.

THERE IS NO REASON why the joint action should not be extended to all places in the world where non-Orthodox congregations might prosper. The World Union for Progressive Judaism, the arm of Reform which operates outside of the United States, has established a notable beachhead in promoting Reform in England, South Africa and elsewhere.

But the work has not gone forward with the kind of dispatch that might be possible with greater financial resources, and more facilities.

THE CONSERVATIVE movement has laid the groundwork for introducing its mode of worship into South America, but here, too, the progress has been slow for the same reasons.

A union of forces is only natural then.

It is pleasant to see United States Jewish groups working together in mid-20th Century Jewish history, because it means that the leadership is more dedicated to the task at hand than at aggrandizing the influence of either the organization or of the leadership. This co-operation is a rarity, and the fruits thereof may not be inconsiderable.

WE'RE JUST NOT AFRAID ANYMORE

BOB GAMZEY pointed out in his column in his breezy Intermountain Jewish News that the Anti-Defamation League's current reports of a decrease in anti-Semitism do not jibe with the overt acts against Jews and Jewish institutions that crowd the pages of the press these days.

At the same time, an ADL top official, Rabbi Arthur Gilbert relates to a B'nai B'rith convention (NJP, June 27), the results of a series of recent surveys showing many disabilities against Jews in the areas of jobs and housing.

IT DOESN'T add up.

Anti-Semitism has not decreased. If anything it is greater today than it has been perhaps for 10 years.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED, however, is that the U. S. Jewish community has matured to the point where it doesn't quake everytime someone says he doesn't like Jews. Even actual bombings, some of which had they been better timed might have taken scores of Jewish lives, don't deter the Jew from doing what he thinks he has to do to uphold the morality and precepts that set him apart as a Jew.

The EDITOR'S CHAIR . . .

WE CAN SYMPATHIZE with President and Mrs. Itzhak Ben-Zvi and you would too if you paused to think that everyone from the U. S. visiting Israel feels that his trip is a flop unless he can be received by the president of Israel.

David Ben-Gurion can keep the people away (he did it to me) but President Ben-Zvi must be guided by other considerations.

THIS THOUGHT occurred to us as we read each day in the Jerusalem Post under its "social and personal" column who it was that the Ben-Zvis were host to on the previous day.

It's a better who's who of American Jewry than the volume that goes by that name.

RECENTLY the column noted that the Ben-Zvis had received Prof. Salo Baron of Columbia University and Mrs. Baron.

Now this was a refreshing departure. It wasn't the leader of the Bond drive in Los Angeles or Davenport or Mobile but a famed Jewish historian.

IN TIME when Israel will have overcome to a great extent her financial difficulties, the Jewish state will serve as a great impetus to normalizing Jewish life in the diaspora.

Just think of the revolution in Jewish life if instead of the head of the local United Jewish Appeal drive, Ben-Zvi would receive the superintendent of Jewish education of that same city.

IF THE superintendent is wise and values his job, he'll politely refuse the invitation, but in time both Israel and the Jewish educator will feel secure enough, and Israel can help to quicken that development.

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AL SEGAL may not like us calling him "venerable old columnist," but maybe he'll appreciate it if we tell him that we still love him. He's now 75 years old.

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When The POST and OPINION was developed as a national paper and it became necessary for everything in the paper to be written exclusively for it, we dropped Al's delightfully whimsical weekly effusion, but it was not without a wrench in our heart.

WE WISH AL many more columns—until he reaches the traditional 120 years. If ever there was a man whose goodness is mirrored in his writings, Al Segal is he.

PINHAS: The Ordeal of Moses

By RABBI JACOB J. WEINSTEIN
KAM Temple, Chicago

Wedged between the census of the tribes of Israel and the description of the daily and festival animal sacrifices, like tender brisket between two pieces of stale bread, is the brief but moving account of the Lord's denial to Moses of the Promised Land.

Rabbi Weinstein

MOSES IS permitted to gaze upon the Land across the Jordan, but he is not to enter it. Moses had been impatient in the matter of smiting the rock at Meribah and had thus dishonored the Lord in the presence of the congregation.

The Lord had decreed this punishment and the Lord's decrees are not changed—though the Midrash gives in repetitious detail Moses' fervid plea for commiseration of the sentence.

If the decree seems harsh considering that Moses had put up with the impatience of the people for 40 years—sometimes even when the Lord Himself had lost patience—we are reminded that with high privilege goes high responsibility.

MOSES WAS TO SET his seal upon the character of an eternal people. That seal must be as perfect as human character could possibly be. Of those to whom much is given, much must be requested.

Is this, then, the end of the matter? Not if we take a more probing look. Moses, like the builders of Babel, like Prometheus the fire-snatcher, is a God forcer. He would inform Nature with God's urgency—and God must be urgent while the people hunger and thirst.

But God will not be forced. He prefers to be at one with Nature. The water will come in due course from the rock. Man takes too much upon himself to lay about with his ingenious divining rod. His victories are always Pyrrhic. The waters gushed forth at Meribah, but Moses was denied to the people when they needed him most.

EVERY TIME an airplane falls into the sea, the melted wings of Icarus hover over it. Every time a mechanical or human failure turns a train track or an expressway into a charnel house, the vultures pluck anew at Prometheus' gut. This does not mean, of course, that man must put away his divining rod and let Nature take its course. Nature enforces its own less spectacular cruelties.

John Hersey, in The Single Pebble, gives us a most graphic picture of the rapacious tyranny of the Yangtze and the cold indifference of the rock cliffs that conspire to squeeze the river to the sticking point and aim it at the throat of man. You share the American engineer's impatience to bring the dynamite and blow the jagged teeth of the flowing tiger and dam its water into a captured, well-trained lake.

SUPPOSE SOME PEOPLE are immured in the foundations of that dam or are destroyed in the mechanical failures of the machinery! They will number less than the lives of the coolies who are slowly worn out in dragging the boats and barges against the river's raging tide.

Man must contend against both Nature and God for his blessing. Did not Jacob wrestle with God and become Israel? The Lord loves a good fighter. I prefer to think He was not punishing Moses but rather rewarding him. He retired him at the height of his powers and reputation. He spared him the disillusion and the heartache of the new beginning in the over-promised land He let the younger Joshua devise the new measures required by the changed circumstances of the new day.

The Lord, Einstein reminds us, is subtle. He is never plain mean.

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Blumenthal Likens Justification of Genocide In Bible to Nazi Reasons for Killing All Jews

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:

I want to comment upon Rabbi Donin's reply to my discussion of word-for-word revelation (NJP, July 4).

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's "The Origin of Species." Fundamentalist religion, Jewish and Christian, fought against Darwin's theories. They lost that battle, and soon learned to adjust their interpretation of the Bible to accommodate it to the new learning

NOW SOME of them are fighting the battle against the findings of archeology and philology. They will lose this battle, too. The best universities of the world, Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, University of Pennsylvania, Chicago, etc., and the Conservative and Reform seminaries are producing scholars in the field of Bible and Semitic and non-Semitic civilizations in the Fertile Crescent. It is ironic that the only places in the world where the Bible cannot be studied with true scholarship are the Orthodox institutions in America and throughout the world.

I raised a number of ethical problems about the law in the Bible. Rabbi Donin tries to explain them away. He believes that God would ordain in His Law, the death penalty for violating the Sabbath, etc., "while severely limiting the implementation of the capital punishment," in the Oral Law.

RABBI DONIN chose his words carefully, "severely limiting" the death penalty. But not eliminating it! In other words in rare and remote circumstances God commands us to apply the death penalty for violating the Sabbath, cursing a parent, etc.

My God-given conscience tells me that such a person requires psychiatric care. Am I to believe that God cares less for such unfortunates?

There are other laws which force Orthodoxy into stranger rationalizations.

WHY DID God have to say "an eye for an eye" leaving it to the rabbis to argue whether he really meant it? And when they conclude that He meant only a monetary payment, we say that He had said so in the Oral Law originally. Why did God say "and Thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall have no pity" when the Oral Law insists that monetary compensation is meant? Would it not have been simpler, certainly more direct to call for monetary compensation in the first instance?

I am most concerned with Rabbi Donin's quotation from Professor Albright. Is there not a great inconsistency in quoting from Prof. Albright, who very clearly rejects the concepts of word-for-word revelation?

FURTHERMORE, Prof. Albright was referring to the difficult ethical problem involved in the extermination of the Canaanites. There is a callousness about the destruction of a whole people, which in my opinion is very unbecoming to us as civilized human beings. Had Hitler succeeded in exterminating all of the Jews, some historian of the future probably would have said that history justified such cruelty. Some Southerners undoubtedly would love to exterminate all the Negroes. A Southern historian would have been able to justify that, too.

This is a vicious doctrine which the rabbis rejected. There is a midrash which depicts the angels up in heaven about to sing their praise to God when the Egyptians were destroyed at the Red Sea. God rebukes them with the words, "Would ye sing while the creations of my hand (the Egyptians) are drowning?" This is Judaism and not Rabbi Donin's justification of the extermination of the Canaanites. I believe the Prayer Book when it says "For Thou does not desire the death of the sinner but that he turn from his way and live."

THE ONLY reason for these and many more difficulties is to be found in the belief in word-for-word revelation. Everything in this revelation is to be defended as just and righteous!

I am sorry, but I cannot go along with him. Would Rabbi Donin defend slavery because the Bible ordains it? Will Rabbi Donin defend polygamy because it is practiced in the Bible and not forbidden?

It may be very convenient (where have I heard this argument before?) to accept the interpretation of Maimonides about sacrifices, but did the main stream of Judaism accept it?

THERE IS a promise that a third Temple will be built, one which will never be destroyed and it is for this Temple that Orthodoxy prays every day that the sacrifice may be reinstituted. As late as 1904, David Hoffman insisted that the sacrificial system will be reinstituted.

Does Rabbi Donin believe in witches and ghosts because the Bible does? Remember the witch of Endor actually conjured up the ghost of Samuel.

I DID NOT raise the problem of the Canaanites, but I did raise the problem of the Amalekites about whom we are told, "Thou shalt wipe out the memory of the Amalekites from under the heavens. Thou shalt not forget."

This was a commandment to every Jew who has lived since that time. Rabbi Donin justifies this commandment on the basis of the wickedness of these people. I prefer the manner in which the rabbis solved the problem.

They, too, were revolted by the idea, and they said that when Sennacherib conquered the Eastern World, he mixed up all the peoples so that it is impossible to know who is and who is not an Amalekite. Therefore, the law cannot be applied.

The Bible is a great document which mirrors man's struggle to achieve godliness. In this struggle man was inspired by God. Whatever faults are to be found in it come from man's failing, not God's. Any other interpretation will not stand the test of common sense.

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Louisiana Now Moves to Set All Primaries on Saturday

NEW ORLEANS (NJP)—The state legislature will very likely pass a law providing that all primaries be held on Saturday. Several weeks ago it passed a law setting only the 1958 primary on Saturday (NJP, June 6th).

THE EFFECT of the new law will be to disfranchise the Jewish voters, since a primary in Louisiana is tantamount to election in this state where the Democratic party is in complete control.

Jewish leaders are in Baton Rouge seeking to develop opposition to the new bill, but their efforts very likely will not meet with more than a courteous reception.

LABEL KATZ, a national B'nai B'rith figure, is in Baton Rouge to lead the fight against the proposed measure.

When the Jewish group protested against the passage of the bill which set this year's primary on the Sabbath, the response from the state administration led by Gov. Earle K. Long was that since Jewish people kept their stores open on the Sabbath, they could vote then, too.

THE ADMINISTRATION is pressing for the new bill as a shrewd political maneuver. Most of Gov. Long's support comes from the farmer and wool hat districts. On Saturdays, these voters are all in the towns to do their shopping and it would be a simple matter for them to vote then. If they are required to come to town on a week day to vote they would necessarily have to take time off from their farming.

The maneuver is double edged. The city voters, who oppose Gov. Long, usually take weekend vacations, especially in the oppressive heat of the summer, and this would keep them away from the polls.

THE PROTESTS from Jewish voters were enough to secure an adverse vote of 18 to 17 in the senate committee. But the administration which pushed the bill through the house of representatives, is expected to bring it up on the floor, where is has enough votes to secure easy passage.

Non-Jews Pace City's Bond Sales; Soar Six-Fold

EAST CHICAGO (NJP) — Non-Jews in East Chicago last week set a pace in Israel Bond buying that enabled this community to record a year's sale six times that of 1957.

At a dinner marking Israel's 10th anniversary, a $5,000 purchase in Israel Bonds by Mayor Walter M. Jeorse signalled a response that enabled the community to raise $100,000 in Bond sales for the first time in its history.

In addition to the mayor's purchase, Col. Walter H. Riley, president of the local bank, announced a subscription for the same amount. Other Christian purchases brought the non-Jewish participation to $30,000.

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By N. PEARLROTH

DEAR MR. PEARLROTH: The family name Laski is known in the vicinity of Warsaw. Lineally we are Cohanim. There are many variations in the spelling and pronunciation all through eastern Europe. Is there is connection? Is it a common-place name? How come the adaptations in form and reasons for adoption?—L. D. LASKY, Brooklyn 35, N. Y.

LASKI is a family name of geographical origin. It is taken from the name of the city of Lask, in the district of Piotrkow, Poland. Laski means nothing more than "a native of Lask." Since Lask had a considerable Jewish population, the name is not uncommon. Neither is it restricted to Jews alone. The city itself was for many centuries owned by the Polish Laski family, members of the highest Polish (Christian) aristocracy. One member of this family was such a wastrel that he lined his overcoat with judgments issued against him. But that has nothing to do with the Jewish Laskis, many of whom were or are men of distinction.

What's on the Air

RADIO

Sunday, July 13, 10:05 a. m. EDST — Rabbi Albert S. Goldstein, Temple Ohabei Sholom, Brookline, Mass., to discuss "Unfinished Business" on Message of Israel program, ABN.

Sunday, July 13, 10:30 p.m. EDST —"Music of the Synagogue," a presentation of Jewish compositions for the synagogue from Biblical times to the present, on "Church of the Air" program, CBS.

Sunday, July 13, 12:30 p. m. EDST — "Words We Live By," the Eternal Light program's summer series, will present the second of 10 dialogues on "Great Words in the Literature of the Bible" between Mark Van Doren, Pulitzer prize winning poet, and Maurice Samuel, NBC.

Attacks on Orthodoxy Prove It Real Force, Say Rabbis

By Z'EV KRONISH

MIAMI BEACH (NJP) — Attacks on Orthodoxy delivered at the recent conventions of Conservative and Reform rabbis only prove that Orthodoxy is now a powerful force, outgoing president Solomon Sharfman told the opening session of the convention of the Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox) here.

RABBI SHARFMAN asserted that spokesmen for Reform Judaism were indulging in "fantasies" and "wishful thinking" when they prophesy the decline of Traditional Judaism.

(Rabbi Bernard Bamberger told the Central Conference of American Rabbis that in the future Orthodoxy's status will be that of a dissenting minority (NJP, July 4).

CONTINUING, Rabbi Sharfman charged that "it is a sad commentary on their (Reform's) lack of positive and lasting achievements that they could make headlines only by false prophecies about the extinction of Orthodoxy."

Reinforcing Rabbi Sharfman's sharp attack was the announcement from Rabbi Israel Klavan, executive director, that the RCA is now the largest rabbinical body in the world with 750 members.

ANNOUNCEMENT that the chief rabbinate in Israel had agreed to recognize the RCA as its rabbinical representative in the United States was made by Rabbi Sharfman. He said the designation was made on his recent visit to Israel.

As a result, the RCA will set up a Beth Din (rabbinical court) on marriage and divorce, which will work with all Orthodox rabbis and the chief rabbinate.

DEATHS

Past JWV Head J. G. Fredman Started Boycott Against Nazis

NORTH BERGEN, N. J. (NJP)—J. George Fredman, 62, commander in chief of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States in 1932-33, died last week.

With Louis A. Falk, he wrote "Jews In American Wars," published in 1943. He was editor of the Jewish Veteran for many years.

Mr. Fredman helped originate an economic boycott against the Nazis in 1933, also assisting in the closing of the German-American Bund's Camp Nordland in Andover Township in 1941.

DR. ISRAEL KONOVITZ

TRENTON, N. J. (NJP) — A man who devoted his entire life to Jewish education was mourned this week.

Dr. Israel Konovitz, 86, principal of the Downtown Talmud Torah in New York for 40 years and former president of the Hebrew Principals Association there, died here last week. He was also a founder of the New York Bureau of Jewish Education.

SAMUEL M. SHAPIRO

TORONTO (NJP) — Samuel Meyer Shapiro, 70, former editor of the Daily Hebrew Journal, a Yiddish paper, died last week in his home of a heart attack. He went to work for the paper in 1911, the year it was founded.

LOUIS KOCH

NEW YORK (NJP) — Louis Koch, 66, of Brooklyn, a supporter of many philanthropic endeavors, died here last week.

Mr. Koch was a donor to the Stern College for Women, and the Einstein Medical College affiliated with Yeshiva University, and supported the Hebrew Free Burial Association, of which he was vice-president, and the Downtown Talmud Torah.

MURRAY WEINSTEIN

NEW YORK (NJP)—Murray Weinstein, 67, vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and an active worker for the United Jewish Appeal, died last week at Beth Israel Hospital here. He was active in the American Red Cross and the United Service Organization.

Other Deaths

Dr. Wolf Blattberg, 62, of the Bronx, N. Y., assistant director of the culture department of the World Jewish Congress and author of "The Story of the Hebrew and Yiddish Writers in the Soviet Union, in New York. . . . **Sophia Berger-Mohl,** 76, former director of the New York YMHA and later director of war orphan rehabilitation work for the American Joint Distribution Committee in Jerusalem, in Haifa. . . . **Prof. Rafael Taubenschlag,** 77, professor of ancient law at Warsaw University and former founder and curator of the academical home Oginsko for Jewish students at the University of Cracow, in Warsaw. . . . **Benjamin M. Hess,** 52, active for many years in the United Jewish Appeal and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, in Great Neck, L. I. . . . **Henry Oppenheimer,** 93, former president of Hutzler Brothers department store in Baltimore.

ZINS Is Not News Agency

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION

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